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1. claims: 1-3

information recording medium including link information which indicates that first information and second information are related to each other

2. claims: 4-7

information recording medium including first copyright information and independent second copyright information

3. claims: 8-11

information recording medium wherein first and second information is encrypted by a first and a second encryption system, respectively

4. claim: 12

information recording medium wherein first and second information is compressed and non-compressed information, respectively

5. claims: 13-17

information recording medium comprising a plurality of pieces of second information different from each other in attribute

6. claims: 18-20

information recording medium including third management information

7. claims: 21-24, 26

information recording medium including synchronous reproduction information and synchronous reproduction management information

8. claim: 25

information recording medium including at least one of audio, moving picture, still picture and text information

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9. claims: 27-39

reproduction apparatus for reproducing first or second
information based on the decryption of first or second
management information

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